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s 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche November 5 to Pierre Thenard, advisor to State Secretary for Human Rights Rama Yade. PolMinC and NEA Watcher followed up in a November 12 meeting with NEA A/S-equivalent Patrice Paoli. Paoli promised to check on the status of the EU lobbying effort and underscored France's commitment to confronting Iran's dismal human rights record. Post will report any further substantive French response.

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